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Casey Says Hart's Criticism Of Finances Is 'Demagoguery'

CIA Director William J. Casey accused Sen. Gary Hart (D-Colo.) yesterday of "demagoguery" for criticizing Casey's financial transactions while in office.

Campaigning in Iowa Saturday for the Democratic presidential nomination, Hart rebuked President Reagan for condoning what Hart called a staggering amount of unethical and improper conduct on the part of high-ranking officials. Hart criticized Casey, among others, for not putting his holdings in a blind trust until mid-1983, when the

Senate "threatened to pass a resolution demanding that he do so."

In a statement, Casey assailed Hart for "this bit of demagoguery." Casey said he had been complying with the Ethics in Government Act, which called for mandatory disclosure of financial transactions, and termed it "rather shabby for Hart" to find fault now with dealings that were duly reported under the law. Casey traded more than \$3 million in stock in 1982 through an investment adviser.